

A bill to relinquish to the actual settlers thereon the right of the State thereto within the county of Nacogdoches; read second time, and on motion of *Mr. Keenan*, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to incorporate Palestine Encampment, No. 3; read second time, and on motion of *Mr. Keenan*, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Colorado Valley Railroad company; read second time.

*Mr. Bryan* offered a substitute therefor.

Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Resolution of the Senate, that no new business shall be entertained by the Senate, unless by a vote of two-thirds, from and after the 15th January inst.; read, and on motion of *Mr. Jowers*, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of *Mr. Potter*, said committee were instructed to report in the morning.

A bill for the relief of *Mary Laseter*; read third time and passed.

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress in relation to custom houses and marine hospitals in Texas; read third time and passed.

On motion of *Mr. Hart*, a bill making an appropriation for the payment of the second class debt, (B,) of public debt of the late Republic of Texas, was taken up; read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of *Mr. Hart*, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of *Mr. Jowers*, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, January 11, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

*Mr. Keenan* presented the petition of *Jacob H. Shepley* for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

*Mr. Holland*, chairman of the committee on Education, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate *Milam Masonic Institute*, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

*Mr. Taylor*, chairman of the committee on Public Debt, made the following report:

The committee on Public Debt have considered the petition of Horatio Grooms, asking for pay for supplies furnished troops *en route* for Texas; and also pay for mileage for travelling to and from Kentucky as recruiting officer, under order of the Commanding General of the Texan army. The committee find upon an investigation of this subject, that Mr. Grooms has received of the Government \$1250, as pay for services as an officer in the Texan army. They further find, that it has been the usage of Texas to allow twenty days pay *extra* to persons coming to Texas to take part in her defence. We take it for granted that this allowance was granted to Col. Grooms. The committee are of opinion that he has received all the pay to which he is entitled under law. As to the mileage for which he asks, we cannot find a single instance in which Texas has ever allowed mileage to officers under pay which seems to be the case in this instance. As to the supplies furnished, if he can make the proper showing, the auditorial board (in the opinion of the committee) will audit and allow the claim. I am instructed by the committee to recommend the rejection of the petition.

Mr. Superviele introduced a bill for the relief of Jose Cornelio Delgado; read first time.

Mr. Superviele also introduced a bill to provide for the registry of births and deaths; read first time, and on motion of Mr. Superviele, rule suspended, read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McAnelly introduced a bill for the relief of the widow and child of Almanson Dickinson; read first time, and on motion of Mr. McAnelly, rule suspended, read second time and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Kyle introduced a bill to provide for the removal of the county seat of Comal county to the centre of said county; read first time.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate:

A bill to amend the third section of an act incorporating the Clarksville and Mount Pleasant Turnpike company;

A bill supplementary to an act entitled an act supplementary to and amending an act for the relief of the citizens of Mercer's company, approved February 2d, 1850;

A bill for the relief of J. W. Magoffin and Hugh Stephenson;

A bill to authorize the sheriff of Calhoun county to execute deeds in certain cases; and

A bill to incorporate the Howard Association;

Also the following bills with amendments:

A bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the Clarksville and Mount Pleasant Turnpike company;

And a bill more permanently to locate the county site of Cook county;

Also, that the House had passed the following bills originating in that body:

A bill to authorize the county court of Freestone county to levy an additional tax for the purpose of building a court-house.

A bill to amend the first section of an act, entitled an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, approved May 12th, 1846;

And a bill making an appropriation of five thousand dollars for the indemnification of the owners of slaves executed since the 24th January, 1852.

Mr. Bryan, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed:

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Colorado Valley Railroad company;

And a bill making an appropriation for the payment of the second class debt, (B,) of public debt of the late Republic of Texas.

Mr. Martin introduced a bill to authorize the county court of Henderson county to levy an additional tax for the purpose of building a court-house; read first time, and on motion of Mr. Martin, rule suspended, read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Paschal introduced a bill to change the time of holding the Fall Term of the district court of Calhoun county; read first time, and on motion of Mr. Paschal, rule suspended, read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McDade introduced a bill to amend the 6th section of an act to incorporate the town of Independence, approved February 9th, 1852; read first time, and on motion of Mr. McDade, rule suspended, read second time and referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the message of the Governor, vetoing a bill supplementary to an act to establish the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad company, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.